



# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

To: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.:1341.1030		
First Named Inventor	Ryota AKIYAMA et al.		
Application No.	09/406,087	Group Art Unit	2134
Filing Date	September 24, 1999	Examiner	BROWN CHRISTOPHER J
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	1217
Title of Invention	AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM, AUTHENTICATION METHOD, SIGNING APPARATUS, SIGNING METHOD, CERTIFYING APPARATUS, CERTIFYING METHOD, AND A COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A PROGRAM MAKING A COMPUTER EXECUTE THE METHOD RECORDED THEREIN		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 9, 2005  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on 8/9/05  
iii.  Other

b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Other

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**Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).  
b.  Other

I hereby certify that no copy of this application has been deposited in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in any other office, prior to the filing of this application, except as set forth below.  
Patent Application No. 1341.1030  
on 9 August 2005  
by Staas & Halsey LLP  
By J. Dolan  
Date 8/9/05

	BASIC FEE	\$	790.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of <u>June 9, 2005</u> , petition was made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee was enclosed with the Amendment filed on August 9, 2005 (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160));			
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)			
Total of above Calculations =		\$	790.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			
TOTAL FEES DUE =		\$	790.00

4.  Small entity status:  
 a.  Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.  
 b.  A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.  
 c.  is no longer claimed.

5.  Other:

#### 6. METHOD OF PAYMENT

A check in the amount of \$ \$790.00 is enclosed.  
 Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)

#### 7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:  
**Deposit Account No. 19-3935.**

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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#### 9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)**  
 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 9 August 2005  
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 By J. Hale  
 Date: 09/05